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Revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Note by the Chairman

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 18 September 1992, the General Assembly decided to allocate agenda item 105 (Programme planning) to the Fifth Committee, on the understanding that each programme of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 would be submitted to the Assembly in plenary meeting or to the appropriate Main Committee for review.

2. To date, two Committees, the Second and Third Committees, have submitted to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee the results of actions taken by those Committees. These replies are reproduced below. Communications from other Committees, once received, will be transmitted as addenda to the present document.

A. Letter dated 26 October 1992 from the Chairman of the Third Committee

"The Third Committee supports and fully subscribes to the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in document A/47/16 regarding programmes 4, 11, 12, 25 to 36 of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, as submitted to the Third Committee for consideration in document A/C.3/47/1 and in the President's letter of 6 October."

B. Letter dated 29 October 1992 from the Chairman of the Second Committee

"I have the honour to enclose, for information and appropriate action by your Committee, a copy of a revised draft decision submitted by the Chair, entitled 'Proposed revisions to programme 16 (Environment) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997', contained in document A/C.2/47/L.8/Rev.1. The Second Committee adopted the draft decision at its twenty-second meeting and decided that it should be transmitted to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee for appropriate action."

The revised draft decision, contained in the above-mentioned document, is reproduced below:

"The Second Committee, having studied the proposed revisions to programme 16 (Environment) of the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, 1/ decides:

"(a) To welcome and endorse the proposed amendment to paragraph 16.14 (new paragraph 16.15), which refers to the need for the medium-term plan to take full account of decisions taken during the current session of the General Assembly concerning the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development;

"(b) To recommend that the first sentence of the proposed addition to paragraph 16.31 (new paragraph 16.32) be amended to read "The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development recommended the elaboration of an international convention to combat desertification in those countries experiencing serious drought and/or desertification, particularly in Africa, with a view to finalizing such a convention by June 1994";

"(c) To request the Fifth Committee to endorse this decision in its consideration of the agenda item."

"1/ A/47/6 (Prog. 16) and Corr.1. For the final version, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/47/6/Rev.1).